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7. (amended) A method of operating a call processing system to handle a call placed to a called number from a caller having a caller number, the method comprising:

receiving call set-up signaling for the call;

prior to service discrimination, processing the called number from the call set-up signaling to determine if the called number is toll-free;

if the called number is not toll-free, then checking the caller number in a validation table to determine if the call should be allowed;

if the call should be allowed based on the validation table, then processing the called number to select a route for the call;

if the called number is toll-free, then processing the called number to select the route for the call without checking the caller number in the validation table;

after selecting the route for the call, generating and transferring a message indicating the route selected for the call.